

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**26 JUNE 2008****APPROVED 07/01/2008**

The Board's meeting was delayed in opening due to scheduling and traffic problems. At 6:45 pm Cordes called the meeting to order. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes and Brett Hunter; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

It was noted that Brett Hunter needed to appear before the Town Clerk and be sworn in as ex-officio Selectmen's representative to the Budget Committee and Planning Board.

Selectmen reviewed and discussed the evening's agenda.

Richard Butler came into the meeting at 6:55 pm to meet with the Board for Department Head time. He presented an email from David Barker, which Barker forwarded for the Board's review. Barker stated that in an effort to do some radio coverage research, he has made contact with Crown Castle Company, who owns the Beede Hill Road cell tower rights. Barker stated he has reviewed and recommends approval a document "Crown Castle Customer Entry and Testing Agreement." This would move the Fire Rescue Department forward toward obtaining a limited grant of permission and access to the Beede Hill Road tower site for research purposes.

He has also been in touch with a group called the NH Interconnect Team (NHIT). They are qualified, trained, and licensed to supply equipment and testing of a local coverage system of digital repeaters to the radio community which includes some hospital pandemic coverage assessment and support for Rockingham County Amateur Radio Emergency Services. All of this would be at no charge to the Town, including possible disaster communication support such as Nottingham received last year for several days when the phone system was completely disabled. All of this is not for profit, non-commercial, and in strict adherence to FCC rules and regulations.

Barker's memo to the Board further explained that this endeavor will help to evaluate options available to Fremont. He had also reviewed and recommended signing of their agreement form.

The Selectmen discussed this further with Butler and a motion was made by Cordes to authorize the Interim Acting Fire Chief Richard Butler to sign the Crown Entry and Testing Agreement on behalf of the Fremont Fire Department with the amendment that it be changed to a 45 day window. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0. Carlson will look to get the insurance requirements in order to accompany the agreement once completed.

At 7:00 pm Mary and Charlie Currier from the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) came into the meeting.

Butler then handed out a copy to each of the Board members, of the Fremont Fire Department Application for Membership cover page. There was discussion about the question on the felony conviction, as well as other questions on the application which should be reviewed.

Andy and Christine Anderson came into the meeting at 7:10 pm. Janice O'Brien came in at 7:12 pm.

There was discussion about the questions that are legal to ask on an employment application. Butler will begin working on some alterations to the form.

He then said that the Department had received a nice thank you letter from a woman in Newfields NH thanking a Fremont firefighter for his help in saving their home. Butler reported that the description the woman gave identified Joe Nichols as the firefighter who stopped at her home on June 25th to assist with a

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fire at the home. The Newfields resident had left a note and check for the Fremont Fire Department in thanks.

At 7:15 pm Butler left the meeting, and Jack Karcz and Andy & Christine Anderson came into the meeting.

Cordes recognized Andy and Christine Anderson, indicating their gracious donation in coming forward with a donated conservation easement on their property on Old Ridge Road. Cordes said that this is a big donation; and that the Rockingham County Conservation District will do a great job maintaining it. The Conservation Easement covers 15.350 acres of the Anderson's lot 06-060 on Old Ridge Road. The easement, in perpetuity, is granted to the Rockingham County Conservation District and includes an Executory Interest to the Town of Fremont and their Conservation Commission.

Some photographs were taken as Andy and Christine signed the document. Once executed by the Anderson's, Cordes moved to accept the Executory Interest. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0. The Selectmen then signed for acceptance. Additional photos of the entire group were taken by Carlson.

Selectmen explained how thankful they are for the Anderson's coming forward with the donation of this easement, which they did gratis.

The plan was recorded today by Mary Currier as Plan #D-35504. Mary will also have the Director of RCCD, Cynthia Smith, sign the document before it is recorded. She took the original upon leaving the meeting.

At 7:30 pm Fremont Conservation Commission members Jack Karcz, Janice O'Brien and Pat deBeer were present. They requested a non-public session discussion pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (d) to discuss possible property acquisition. It was decided that if any other members of the Conservation Commission arrived, they would be invited into the session. Thus at 7:30 pm, Hunter moved to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (d) to discuss possible property acquisition. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Tina Sturdivant arrived at 7:35 pm.

At 8:06 pm motion was made by Hunter to return to public session. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

The Board decided not to seal the minutes as the specific property was not discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen read the minutes for 19 June 2008. Motion was made by Hunter to approve them as written. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

2. The trash collection totes are being delivered this week and early next week. The first WM flyer was just received this week by Fremont residents, and the July newsletter went out today and tomorrow, which contains the second flyer. The WM (glossy) newsletters and delivery information will be included with the toter delivery.

Carlson discussed with the Board the number and depth of concerns, complaints, and questions regarding the use of the totes; and reiterated their changing the contract due to cost of tonnage. The Board still felt

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strongly that additional recycling was absolutely necessary. They also discussed the importance of cutting the amount of the trash contract, which was made possible by conversion to the toters and will be even greater of a tax savings in reduced tonnage. More updated information is being handed out with recycling bins and is up on the Town's website.

3. Selectmen reviewed follow-up information from Thom Roy on parcel 02-106 owned by Tom Waters. The Board discussed it and decided to send the information to Town Counsel to proceed with action and a letter to Waters.

The Board also wanted the Assessor to review the property to determine current use compliance and to assess what appears to be a commercial operation; as well as to accurately assess the value based on how it is being used.

4. Selectmen discussed the LGC insurance renewal and opting in for the 9% annual rate cap to secure rates at no more than 9% instead of the 25% anticipated annual increase. The Board will enter that agreement once a new one is sent out.

There was also discussion about the scope of damage at the highway shed and filing an insurance claim to assist with the repairs. Selectmen directed Carlson to get an estimate for repairs and also investigate with NHLGC the insurance aspect of it.

5. Selectmen discussed the Leavitt Cemetery work Phase II, which the Trustees have recently put together in a sketch. The Board felt that it was likely enough work (\$\$ value) to get three prices by putting the work out to bid. They asked that it be posted and put it on the Town's website and mail to the contractors who bid on the Phase I work as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll manifest. Motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Cordes to approve the manifest dated 27 June 2008 in the amount of \$26,094.28. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest. Motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Cordes to approve the accounts payable manifest dated 27 June 2008 in the amount of \$541,950.93. The vote was unanimously approved.

2. Selectmen reviewed and approved a request from Tina Sturdivant to use tables and chairs on July 4, 2008. Motion was made by Hunter to approve the requested use of two tables and 25 chairs. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.

3. Carlson indicated to the Board that Serena Lemieux graduates from the NH Police Academy tomorrow evening and will be returning to full staffing in Fremont after that.

4. Selectmen signed outgoing correspondence to Keith Stanton after reviewing and discussing the letter. The Board continues to work on other draft letters for review next Tuesday.

5. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.

6. Selectmen reviewed a request to use the Olde Meetinghouse from Aaron Epstein for a retirement ceremony on Friday July 25, 2008 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Hunter moved to approve this request. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0. The fee for him as a resident is \$25.00.

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7. Selectmen reviewed and signed an Excavation Tax Warrant (2007-2008) for parcel 02-151.002 owned by PJP Co Inc.

8. Selectmen reviewed and approved New Intent to Excavate for 2008-2009 on parcel 02-151.002 owned by PJP Co Inc.

9. Selectmen reviewed a letter from Annmarie Scribner on behalf of SAU 83 and the Fremont School District requesting release of impact fees for Fremont School District, in the amount of \$24,435.37 plus accrued interest for the month of June 2008. This is part of the District's projected revenue for the 2007-08 school year. As per the Town's practice, and the request of the Treasurer, Cordes moved to approve the School District's request and authorize the Treasurer to release the impact fee funds. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

At 9:20 pm motion was made by Hunter to take a 10 minute recess. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

At 9:30 pm the Board's meeting was called back to order by Cordes.

10. Selectmen signed a memorandum to all Departments and Boards to accompany the June 2008 budget reports, requesting all 2009 budgets be submitted by August 7, 2008.

11. Veteran Credits - We have begun to review new 2008 Veteran Credit applications, and the following applications are ready this evening for final review and approval by the Board:

Alan & Gail Lane	02-156.001.021.001	31 Andreski Drive
Roger Santos	03-188.001	9 Victoria Farm Road
Paul & Ellen Cameron	3-169.059-018.B	28-2 Moose Meadow
Donna Stracke	3-001.001.44B	58 Country Lane

Hunter moved to approve the four abatements as read. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday July 1, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

All Town Offices are closed on Friday July 4, 2008 in observance of Independence Day.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Cordes to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm. The vote was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator